

Convention Nominations Aug. 2

Vital Issues to Be Discussed

Wednesday, August 2nd, is a date to put down in your note book with a heavy circle about it! Delegates for both the CCL convention at Quebec City commencing Monday October 16 and the UAW-CIO convention at Grand Rapids, Michigan commencing Monday, September 11, will be nominated at the membership meeting that evening.

The membership meeting for July 19 was called off due to the very severe storm that visited this locality that particular night. Also HMCS Oshawa was on view at the Harbor and it was felt that the business to be transacted could be held over with the urgent affairs being attended to by the Executive.

One very important matter will receive due discussion at the next meeting and that is the new ruling of the International concerning suspensions and readmission fees.

Both conventions this year will be of a highly significant character. The CCL conference will decide the further growth of the movement in Canada, its type and character and the question of provincial organizations will require careful consideration in order to make them truly democratic and responsible to the local unions as they should be, stated F. M. Dafoe, chairman of the Labor Council when questioned on the place of the Ont. Fed. of Labor in the light of the coming conference.

Post war objectives will also be of more significance than heretofore at both conventions. The pronouncement of the UAW on this important matter will carry much weight due to the fact of the UAW being not only the most progressive union in America but also the largest International in the world today, he stated.

To encourage attendance at summer schools the Executive are recommending that registration for twelve or less members will be paid by the union for those wishing to attend the WEA summer school at Port Hope, August 12 to 26 and also for three members to attend the Institute on Public Affairs to be held at Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, August 19-26 and sponsored by the YMCA.

Literature on these summer schools released to the public indicate a broad basis of discussion and many very fine leaders

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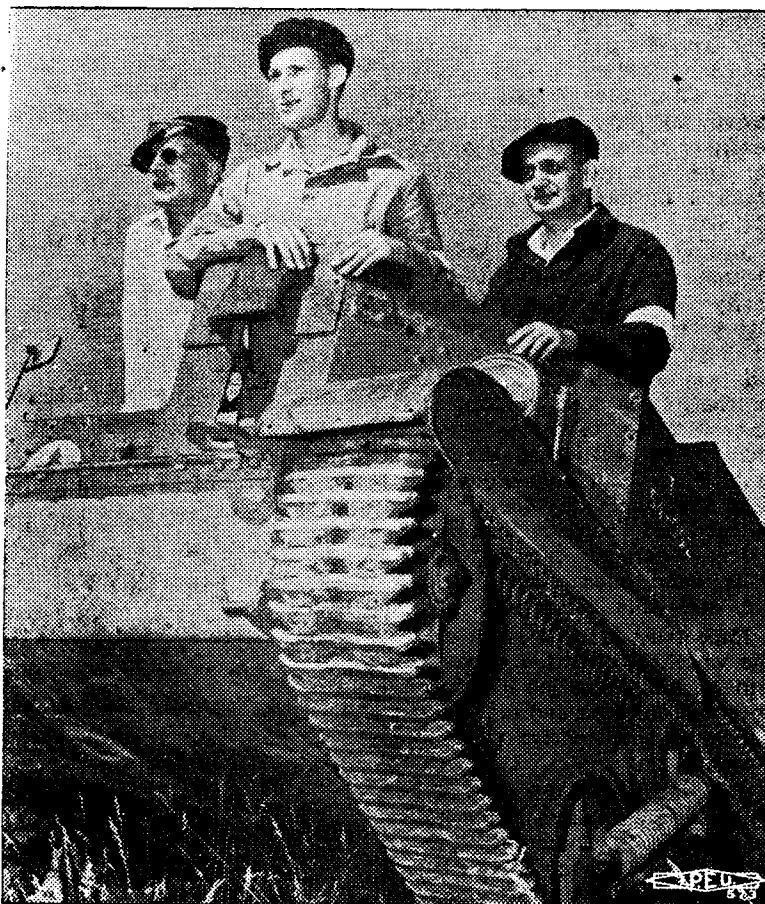
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Spirit of Co-operation



UAW members riding tank on visit to Camp Borden.

A New Yorker, pointing to a hillside field, complimented the New Englander on his corn.

"How do you plow that field? It looks pretty steep."

"Don't plow it; when the spring thaws come, the rocks rolling downhill tear it up."

of public thought will be present to lead discussion groups. Either place will provide an excellent and highly interesting holiday.

"That so? How do you plant it?"

"Don't plant it really. Just stand in my back door and shoot the seed in with a shotgun."

"Is that the truth?" asked the New Yorker.

"Hell, no. That's conversation."

When any member of the Union in your dept. is sick or injured, don't forget to call the Union office and report it. The Sick and Welfare Committee will bring them the Union cheer.

Union Young People!

WEINER ROAST & DANCE

at
GENEVA PARK
N. Oshawa

AUGUST 19

50c each

Meet at UAW Hall - 7.30 p.m.

Come or else — you will miss a chance to swim — eat — dance — besides getting together with fellows and girls your own age, all with the same idea, to have themselves a time.

Interested? If so inquire at the Union Hall for tickets, we have had to limit the number because of transportation difficulties.

Can you help? By registering a car for the trip out and back that night. We know it is a lot to ask but it is the only way — co-operation from the young people themselves in this regard and also from the adult members of the Union.

Anyone that is really interested enough to give us boost, by using their car in this, our first outing, p-l-e-a-s-e notify the office.

Further plans will be made on
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9th, 8 p.m.

Let's have a good representation from every department and plant.

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Editor Talks

Now that the invasion of Hitler Europe is an accomplished fact and the day of final victory over the anti-democratic forces arrayed against the Allied Nations draws appreciably nearer, the implications of Post War Plans that have appeared in such abundance are of vital interest to all.

Surveys have been conducted by Chambers of Commerce, by Financial Post and others to determine if possible the extent of industrial growth to be expected and the amount of business that will be available. In some few cases that have come to our notice, but very few, some emphasis has been placed upon the amount of employment that will be available.

Most manufacturers have plans that will require greater working staffs than they employed before the war but not as large as has been the case in the war years. In the light of the large number of women now employed for the first time and the large number who wish to continue to work after the war, the number of returning soldiers who must be given back their jobs or others as good or better, it would seem that there will be a continuing man power pool and consequent unemployment, unless the workers themselves, thro' their organizations, bring pressure to bear to demand and secure a full employment program for all who wish to work.

Not profits nor power by manipulation of Industry but the needs of the people must be the yard stick that will in future measure the amount of employment needed in any country.

Political action by the Labor movement is of vital concern in this respect. Political action which may have to take the form of running Labor candidates, but if such is necessary Labor MUST see to it that they not only have the right to elect their man but, more important, that they also demand the right to a voice in the selection of the man whom they can and shall elect.

These must be the gauges by which Labor must be guided, the greatest good for the greatest number and the widest democracy possible in securing it!

Good News for Mothers! Nursery Now a Fact

By A. J. Turner

What to do with the children?! That is the number one problem of working mothers. It is also a serious question for those who organize production of war materials; for how can a woman do a good day's work if she is worrying about her children? She wonders if they are "running the streets," getting into mischief or not getting enough of and the right kind of food to eat.

Working mothers with children from two to seven years need no longer worry about them! The Dominion Provincial Day Nursery for children two to five years, has been doing a first rate job for more than a year past. The Oshawa Board of Education in co-operation with the Dominion and Provincial governments has recently organized a *Day Care Unit* for the five to seven year old children of mothers in essential industry.

Just what is the daily program at the Day Care Unit? Well, it really is a *program* allright. Every moment of the day is planned. The planning is not calculated to curb the youngsters. In fact, it is just the opposite. The idea is to have such a variety of activities that the child cannot but help enjoy himself the whole day long. With indoor and outdoor equipment galore—games, puzzles, toys, dolls, sand piles, swings, slides, etc. etc.—this is no problem.

Especially, since it is all under the watchful direction of trained supervisors whose job it is to understand children and make them happy at constructive work and play.

The meals at the Day Care Unit are also planned. Nutritionists at the Parliament Buildings in Toronto draw up daily menus for nourishing, well balanced and appetizing meals. And the children just love to seat and serve themselves at elf-size tables!

This highly useful and efficient service to working mothers is organized at Centre Street School. Every morning before whistle-time, scores of mothers and their lusty charges make their way to this location. At the end of the working day tired mothers pick up equally tired but happy children. Both appreciate the safe, healthful, and interesting care.

The cost of this high quality service is mainly borne by the Dominion and Provincial governments. The charge per day to mothers is less than the price of a good meal and varies with the number of children in the family.

The Oshawa branch of Selec-

tive Service has informed your union that there are openings for more children (5-7 years) in the Day Care Unit. If you are a working mother with children of this age and have not availed yourself of this service, then do so without delay. Call Mr. Coulson or Mrs. Baxter at Selective Service today. You'll be satisfied with results.

Unions Prepare For Labor Day

Preparations for the annual Labor Day celebration in Oshawa are well under way. The election of delegates to the Labor Day Committee have been held by the majority of the Unions and the Committee is to be called into session early in August.

The sale of space in the Labor Day Souvenir program has been quite good and it is expected that the copy for all the ads and greetings will be in the printers hands in the early future.

This year's program of events will include features not in previous years activities. Co-operation to this end has been generously offered by the Softball League of the Union and other interested groups who wish to participate.

For the musical side of the event, bands of various kinds will be on hand and will include again the local pipe band who are very interested in the celebration. Their efforts, incidentally aren't appreciated solely by the Scots members of the city.

Prizes will be distributed for various displays of merit or prowess and will, no doubt, be as greatly appreciated as of former years.

With the cooperation of every union member in the city and all their friends, this year's celebration should be the outstanding event of the summer.

Throu the Dues Wicket

By A. G. SHULTZ
Financial Secretary

Greetings:

Several former members who have been discharged from the armed services are again back to work and have renewed their membership.

Special Regulations with respect to the armed services and UAWA membership should be known by all members so as to assist the returned men.

Military Membership — All members who join the armed services with dues paid up at time of enlistment are entitled to an Honourable Military Service Membership providing same is requested at Union Office. The holder is exonerated from payment of dues and assessments. Upon termination of his military service this exoneration automatically terminates. With this membership and providing the military address is reported to Union Office the member remains on the mailing list receiving both the Autoworker and the magazine Ammunition. There are also cigarettes and parcels sent to the boys by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Members who were in good standing at time of enlistment but failed to apply for a military membership are suspended after two months.

However suspension is waived and no readmission fee required providing application for membership is made by presenting discharge papers immediately on return to work. One months dues will place the applicant in good standing.

Returned men who have never been members of the UAWA but wish to join may do so without payment of the Initiation Fee by just paying one month's dues providing discharge papers are presented with application.

OFFICE HOURS:

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday to Friday

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday

Smith: "Those damned Russians have amazed the world. How do they manage it?"

Brown: "Well, for one thing, they don't have to worry about the Menace of Communism."

—Steelworker and Miner,
Sydney, N.S.

Union Sports Column

Softballers Plan for Labor Day

By Alex Donaldson

Due to army calls etc., the Cardinal team has been forced to withdraw from competition in the softball league, but this will in no way interfere with the operation of the league. All remaining Cardinal players were declared free agents and most of the boys are now playing for others, Truck Line benefited considerably by enlisting the services of Cardinal players, Bros. Bill Willets, and Lloyd Tonkin, both pitchers, something the truck line have lacked all season. The Truck Line team must be considered the most improved team in the league in recent games they have decisively defeated teams in the leading positions, Ontario Steel, Bombers, and Shippers have all been easy victims of the truck men, and this should really make the race more exciting from now on. Stamping Plant have been idle for about two weeks due to holidays and weather conditions, but Bro. Johnny Brady informs us that this team will be in there before the playoffs get around. The Bombers have now lost two games to Truck Line and Ontario Steel respectively, but Bros. Wes. Richards, and Frank Henderson have gone into a huddle and we expect Bombers to get back in the groove again soon "we hope". Body Shop must have hit a "Slump", they have failed to win a game in their last three times out. Bro. Beamish will have to change his strategy or he'll be left behind the eight ball. The U.A.W.A. Representative Trophy and the Shultz Trophy are now on display at the Palm Billiards Store, Simcoe Street North, and they are attracting much attention, in fact, they attract more attention than the softball games do. "What's the matter with all our good union men, why don't they come out and give the boys more support?" The league has decided to run a softball Tournament at Lakeview Park on Labor Day, the draw will also be made for two nice prizes on that day, 1st—\$100.00 Victory Bond, 2nd—\$50.00 Victory Bond. Tickets are now available for this draw. Every Union member should have one, the proceeds of the draw will be used to buy equipment etc. for the league. Lack of support on this occasion might be disastrous, so don't forget to make sure you have one of these tickets, if not more.

Invade Pt. Perry, Lake Scugog

Last Friday evening the Union Rod and Gun Club, of Oshawa, invaded Port Perry, and Lake Scugog, to the strength of about fifty members.

Many fine specimens of fish were caught, the largest lunge was a 16-pounder, hooked by William Skinner. The landing of that fish would have made a great moving picture. The rest of the boys stopped to see the excitement.

Other lunge of lesser size were caught, together with a number of bass, one weighing four pounds, and the smallest just under three pounds. E. Rorebeek was the fortunate fisherman who captured the four-pounder.

This fishing trip has been an annual affair for the past six years, and is called by the Club members "The Ott. Hamilton Invitation Fishing Trip."

The evening was greatly enjoyed by all, and ended with a weiner roast on the Hamilton property.

Several of the club members expressed their appreciation of the happy entertainment, including president Garnet Knight (noting the fine turnout), Past President Dick Courtney, and Vice President Reg. Nix.

Ott, Hamilton, Chairman for the evening, outlined the history of the Oshawa Club for the past six years, when the first group coming to Lake Scugog numbered only five, to the present day, with its turnout of nearly fifty. Mr. Hamilton has been a constant booster of Lake Scugog fishing for many years.

NOW! More Than Ever



Give Your Blood

Two soldiers overseas are talking when a third joins them: "Meet Jack Lawson, an old buddy of mine. He and I were with the infantry at Montgomery Ward's last April."

—Garret Price in Collier's.

Duplicate Doings

We hope everybody had a good "rest" and enjoyed themselves during the holidays.

The company caused quite a commotion and much confusion with the late distribution of the holiday pay cheques. Here's hoping that they do not repeat the blunder next year.

To get on the brighter side of things, Jimmy Hallowell, at date of writing is still waiting and wishing or should we say hoping. By the way gang, (especially the younger union members) a Labor Youth Club is being organized and Duplate members should take part in this organization. The next meeting of the club will be held on August 9th at the Union Hall.

May we stress the fact that the sending of the *Oshaworker* and other labor papers to the troops overseas is a very important contribution to the morale of the armed forces. It also helps to bring labor's point of view for a better and fuller life to men on the battlefronts.

Crops Must Be Harvested

By JAMES SMITH
Int. Rep., UAW-CIO

Right now and for the next ten weeks there is and will be a very urgent need for farm help in this district! To gather their crops, the farmers will need all the help that can be given them.

There is a very serious shortage of farm help and unless it is forthcoming there is a great danger of some of the crops going to waste. These are statements of facts arising from a survey of the local help situation by the farmers and the local Agricultural Representative.

Canada has to play an important part in the feeding of the people of Britain and of the liberated countries of Europe. As we are one of the few countries that has not felt the more bitter effects of war, it is only fair that we should play a leading part in this very important task.

Now that the enemy is being pushed back on every front with more people being liberated every day there is a tremendous job to be done in aiding them to return to a normal life and to become again self-supporting. Food is one of the first and most important munitions to be used in this fight to win these people for a free and peaceful future.

The work of the Farm Commando is to give whatever time

can be spared for hoeing, haying and harvesting the crops as they are ready. If we are able to garner in full the crops the farmers have prepared and sown for, we will not only aid the cause we are fighting for in Europe and Asia, we will also assist in no small degree in keeping the prices of foods down in our own country.

Commandos will be provided with transportation to their place of work and although the wages are not as high as those paid in Industry or offices perhaps, the need is great and unless the crops are harvested, the purchasing power of our dollars will be further reduced in having to pay a higher price for our foodstuff.

Besides, it will give the factory man or woman a chance to see how the farmer lives and we will then be able to understand one another better. We will also spend whatever spare time we have for a really worthy cause in good, clean fresh air.

For further information contact the Farm Commando Office which has been opened in the old YMCA building at 51 Simcoe St. South, where all details may be secured or 'phone 1640. This office will be open all day and will give all possible assistance to those who desire to help the farmers save the crops during these critical times.

G.M. Shop Committee Report

Reply was received on July 14th to our request that the Department of Labour take a Strike Vote on the question of the National War Labour Board's refusal to grant a 5¢ per hour increase to the Material Handlers and Stockroom attendants.

The reply states that Order-in-Council 9384 prohibits strikes against directors of War Labour Boards. In perusal through this order we find that every employee who strikes or takes part in any strike to obtain an increase in single rate or range or pursuant to any direction of a War Labour Board, shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not more than twenty dollars for each day or part of day he is on strike; also there is no provision under this order to conduct a strike vote in cases involving wage disputes.

On Friday, July 21st Shop Committee Chairman, Malcolm Smith, President Albert Elson, and International Representative James Smith, visited the Minister of Labour, Mr. Daley on the interpretation of a decision that was handed down by the Regional War Labour Board for the Jitterbug Sanders in the Aircraft division. The Board laid down a rate range of from 55 to 66¢ per hour for this classification. The Union's contention is that the girls who received the top rate of 61¢ per hour should now receive 66¢ per hour. We understand that the Board has issued a direction to the G.M. Management along this line.

We also took up the question of the skilled tradesmen in the Maintenance Division. We were assured that a decision had been arrived at on this application and would be mailed out early this week.

A proposal was submitted by the management in connection with the Radiator Room, which was not satisfactory. The company has agreed to a time study early in August.

There has been six grievances submitted for arbitration which will be held on August 8th with Louis Fine acting as arbitrator.

The G.M. Sub-Council is meeting in St. Catharines on Saturday, July 29th to discuss and report on different items covering Oshawa, Windsor, and St. Catharines. The Oshawa delegates on the Sub-Council are Bro. M. Smith, A. Elson, and A. Jones. International Representative James Smith will accompany the delegation.

—MALCOLM SMITH.

CREDIT UNION CHAT

By T. McMullen
(Education Committee—Auto Workers (Oshawa)
Credit Union Limited)

It was about 7:30 in the evening, and everything was peaceful in the home of Charlie and Helen. Charlie was reading in his favorite chair, and Helen was preparing socks to mend—the Radio playing softly; Charlie looked up from his paper as he said:

"Oh, Mary and Bob are coming round tonight honey."

"That's swell," she answered. "I feel like a bit of company tonight, you and your old paper aren't so hot when a person feels like doing something else?"

Charlie grinned as he said teasingly, "Don't you ever get tired of talking and feel like doing something else?"

"No!" she answered, as she formed her lips in mock petulance.

"Alright," he said, "we'll do quite a bit of talking tonight, Bob is coming over to tell me some more about the Credit Union I was telling you of last night... there they are now" he finished, as a knock was heard at the door, and he arose to open it.

"Hello Mary, hiyah Bob? come on in" welcomed Charlie, and the forementioned tranquil atmosphere was shattered by the delighted squalls of the feminine pair, and punctuated by the greetings and settling down of the two men.

The voices of the two women could be heard in the next room, rising and falling, and travelling at a speed never attained by men.

"Listen to 'em," laughed Charlie, "expert analysis of the latest atrocities in women's headgear."

"Yeah," said Bob, "does 'em good to get out and meet someone once in a while, kinder gives 'em a chance to find out what other people think of different things, and broadens their outlooks, you know."

"Sure, we have more opportunity to talk than they have—going to and from work, and mixing with the bunch in the shop gives us a steady outlet for our views or opinions or whatever you like to call them, on everything going on—I suppose that's what makes 'em go to it like they do when they meet someone, eh? Kinder trying to get it all out at once," replied Charlie.

"Maybe," answered Bob non-committingly.

"Know sump'n Bob? If I had all the time to myself in the house-like they have, I'd read an' read an' boy I'd have a swell time," said Charlie.

"Yeah, that's what you think," laughed Bob, "Just because

everything is spick an' span when you come home, doesn't mean to say that it grows that way like a tree—it takes work to kepe it that way! Cookin' an' washin' an' cleanin' an' dustin' may not be hard an' heavy, but by gosh it's steady. We work so many hours an' punch the clock an' we are through for the day, but not they, they're going all the time, right from getting up in the morning, to going to bed at night; even putting the tickets in the milk bottles before going to bed is still a last of the many chores that they must do to keep things running smoothly, and to keep you from kicking," ended Bob.

"Gee's that's right too," agreed Charlie, "Say," he continued, "you said you was going to tell me something about Loan Sharks, let's talk about that, eh?"

Bob smiled at Charlie's strategic retreat, and then began.

"You know Charlie, you was speaking of reading a couple of minutes ago; well, there's a guy named Roy F. Bergengren, that wrote a book, CUNA EMERGES is the name of it, and it's well worth reading—CUNA, by the way, stands for Credit Union National Association. Well, he was telling a little while back, of a railroad worker in the States who was forced to pay interest amounting to \$1,080 for a \$30.00 loan—an interest rate of 3,600% and brother that ain't hay; and I know personally of two people that approached two different loan companies about three years ago, for a loan of \$50.00 for one month, and one of these outfits wanted to charge \$11.00 and the other one wanted \$9.50. Now just compare the Credit Union charge for a loan of \$50.00 for one month; the Credit Union charges 1% per month, so that a loan of \$50.00 for one month would cost you 50¢, and there's a whale of a difference between 50¢ and \$11.00 or \$9.50 isn't there?"

"Boy, I'll say," agreed Charlie.

"An' here's another one," continued Bob, "I was a member of a Credit Union study club once, and we were discussing interest rates, and a lady from London, England was telling us of her experience with a loan shark. She said, that a death in the family made it necessary to borrow £3 that's about \$15.00, and she had to have it in a hurry, so she went to a loan agency and was greeted by a guy dry-washing his hands, and after hearing her tale of woe, and of how quickly she must have the dough, sympathised with her and told her not to worry, but just go out and get her husband to come in and sign the note and he'd let them have the money right away. The worry and urgency clouded over their good sense, and they didn't think to read what they were signing—all they knew was, that the payment was to be five shillings per month, that's about a dollar. Well, after paying this five shillings each month for nearly a year, the lady thought she would ask how much more she owed—it's pretty near paid up now, she imagined; but to her surprise, she was told that she still owed **Three Pounds** and that the five shillings per month was only the interest..."

Bob was interrupted by Helen and Mary as they made their appearance, and told the boys to drop everything and eat lunch.

"O.K. we're coming," said Charlie, "Come on let's eat Bob an' talk after, eh?"

(To be continued)

Ontario Steel

As yet no reply has been received from the Regional War Labour Board on the pertinent question of hours and the boys are beginning to wonder if such an organization exists in Ontario.

It was decided three months ago to draw up a joint contract covering Ontario Steel, Oshawa, and Ontario Steel, Chatham. This has been done and is now in the hands of the company awaiting their acknowledgment and negotiations will then be carried on.

In the battle against the fascists gangsters on the Norman- dy Front another death has been recorded in the person of Wm. Murray, son of Bill Murray, on the 10th of July. The boys of Ontario Steel wish to extend their sincere sympathy to the family.

Youth Conference Successful Boys and Girls Mean Business

By Tony Peleshok

Youth must take a more active part in the Unions activities! They must take positions on committees, the executive and be active as stewards in the shops! It is their job to carry the union forward to further development for a free, decent and peaceful world. These were the words with which Geo. Burt, Regional Director of the UAW-CIO opened the conference of the Labor Youth League delegates at Windsor on July 22 and 23.

Jack Henke of Windsor chaired the conference which was composed of nine delegates from Windsor, six from Toronto with Malcolm Young, Publicity Director for the UAW-CIO in the Toronto area, as one of the delegates from Toronto L.Y.L. and one delegate from Oshawa.

Discussion centered around Post War Planning, Community Work, Education, War Services, Recreation, Publications, Publicity, Public Relations, Political Action and Hobbies. There was also considerable discussion concerning the form of the L.Y.L. organization and by-laws, purpose of the League and methods of finance were given a going over.

Keen interest in every phase of the discussion was displayed by the delegate. Strict attention was given every speaker and copious notes were taken by all present. When anyone had the floor the only other noise to be heard was the scratching of pencil on paper. The delegates sure meant business!

This conference is to be the initiation of further Youth organization throughout the UAW and more activity for the younger people of the union.

The next meeting of the Labor Youth League in Oshawa will be held at the Union Hall, August the 9th at 8 p.m. Anyone desiring further information please contact Tony Peleshok through the Union office or leave a message there.

THE HOME FRONT

My husband hasn't gone thro' five invasions for the right of dirty anti-Semites to beat up little kids and call them dirty Jew.—Mrs. Helen Bell, an Irish Catholic, wife of Chief Petty Officer Melvin Bell of the U.S. Coast Guard, who appeared in a New York court to testify against Mrs. Ruth Simpkins, a neighbor, whom she saw slap 14-year-old Emmanuel Witty, a Jewish boy, after hurling obscene anti-Semitic epithets at him.

—From Canadian Tribune.

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No fishing stories this year but plenty of tan and sunburn after the weeks holidays, "ho-hum!"

Could it be love in bloom with Jean and the certain young man with a motorcycle?

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas MacInally (nee Helen Lesnick) on the arrival of Junior.

We are glad to see Helen Fetcheson back after her trip to the hospital.

We would like to know when the Supervision and Inspection are going to wake up to the fact that some Inspectors are only a hindrance and not a help when it comes to production.

It's a wonderful complexion and a grand cold sore a certain foreman is sporting after his holidays.

SUPPORT UAW YOUTH CARS WANTED

for outing to
GENEVA PARK

**SATURDAY NIGHT
AUGUST 19**

Please respond by registering at Union Office
by August 9

Production Com. Success in Britain Tremendous Aid to War Effort

Join Labor Management Production Committees have been an unquestionable success in British Industry. It would have been impossible to have developed war production to its present level without them. They have served to keep the working people informed of the reasons for shortages. They have ironed out the problems of skilled and semi skilled labor supply. They have reduced the friction that would have occurred where drastic changes were necessary in production practices. This was the considered opinion of Mr. George Tomlinson, M.P., Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the British Ministry of Labor and National Service, in speaking to the special meeting of the Industrial Production Co-operation Board held in Ottawa May 30, '44.

Sir Frederick Leggett, C.B., Joint Deputy Secretary, British Ministry of Labor and National Service also had some very pertinent remarks to make on the subject. He said it was the shop stewards in Britain who initiated the committee idea. They had felt the need of some organization on the shop level where direct representatives of the workers would be brought into contact with management. The government had been convinced of the desirability of creating machinery to provide this

contact to discuss questions apart from wages and matters covered by trade union agreements.

He said that he felt that such committees must have a direct connection with unions. All workers are permitted to vote for members of the committees but only union members can be elected under the British method. They must not discuss wages, hours, working conditions or grievances.

One thing that impressed him was that managements "did not see everything". Workers had made valuable contributions from their practical knowledge and experience. He hoped that they would continue in operation after the war, he stated.

It was stated that most employers experienced with the committees, favored them. It was felt that even where committees had not increased production directly, and such cases were a minority, they had aided greatly in developing understanding and good will. British experience was that committees were most helpful in larger plants—with upwards of 200 employees. There appeared to be no thought of making committees in the Old Country compulsory. Mr. Tomlinson emphasized the need of continuity in the work of the committees, and of the tie-in with unions.



"Just can't seem to keep his mind off his gal".

Labour in Other Lands . . .

U.S. UNIONISTS MAN SOVIET SHUTTLE BASES

MOSCOW — Among the hundreds of Americans servicing the tremendous air bases built by the Soviet Union for the shuttling bombing ventures of the American Air Force Eastern Command are many electricians, machinists, carpenters and other skilled servicemen who are members of AFL and CIO unions. Among the unions represented are the United Electrical Workers, the United Automobile Workers Union and the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters.

KEEP ANGLO-SOVIET TIE URGE BRITISH SEAMEN

LONDON — "British seamen are determined that when the war is won, the close unity created with the Soviet Union shall continue," Charles Jarman, acting general secretary of the National Union of Seamen, declared here. Jarman described the Anglo-Soviet alliance as "the rock on which we must build for the future", adding that it "is not a mere pledge between governments. It was underwritten by the organized workers of Britain and the other United Nations. British seamen have paid with their lives to forge the alliance".

CHINESE FISHING CO-OP DOES RECORD BUSINESS

CHUNGKING — Over \$1,600,000 (Chinese funds) worth of salted fish was produced by the only industrial fishing co-operative in China during the first eight months of 1943. Situated in one of the small east coast towns of Chekiang province, and constantly threatened by Japanese attack, this society was organized with the aim of developing primitive Chinese fishing methods and replacing fish products formerly imported from Japan.

NOTED U.S. COLUMNIST JOINS NEWSPAPER GUILD

NEW YORK—Walter Winchell, noted columnist and radio commentator, has become a member of the American Newspaper Guild (CIO) after praising the efforts of organized newspaper workers over his nation-wide programme. Winchell, who has played an important role in exposing pro-fascist activities in the U.S.A., recently received a "Page One Award" for 1944 from the New York local of the Guild for "making the Fifth Column respect the Fourth Estate".

SAN SALVADOR WORKERS HELP UNCOVER SPY RING

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica—Aided by the San Salvador police and trade unions, the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation has uncovered a vast centre of Nazi espionage in San Salvador with ramifications in other Central American Republics. Five Germans, employed in the "La Puerta de la Laguna" sugar refinery, were implicated in the alleged espionage activity when the FBI intercepted a package containing patterns for clothing designs sent from San Salvador to the U.S., which contained ciphered messages to Nazi groups.

Suspicion was directed to the Germans when trade unionists told the police that the alleged Nazi agents were holding secret meetings in an abandoned shack on the sugar plantation. Union workers in the refinery also disclosed that a potent short wave radio was being used to send cipher messages to other Nazi centres in the Americas as well as to Europe.

BELGIAN WORKERS BUSY IN SABOTAGE ACTIVITY

NEW YORK—The Belgian underground newspaper, *Front*, reported that the following acts of sabotage had been successfully attempted in the province of Hainaut in a single week: Three locomotives dynamited; a crossing destroyed; two lock gates and one railway cabin destroyed; transformers at an electric power station blown up; pumps at a large railway station dynamited; derailments causing suspension of traffic for 18 hours.

LABOR IN ITALY FORMS UNITED FRONT

LONDON—The Catholic, Socialist and Communist trade unions in Italy have united form a single General Confederation of Labor, it has been learned from official sources in Rome. The new Confederation, which for the first time unites all sections of the Italian labor movement, was formed at a conference in Rome attended by representatives of all unions in the liberated areas.

NIGERIAN WORKERS INVITE U.S. LABOR

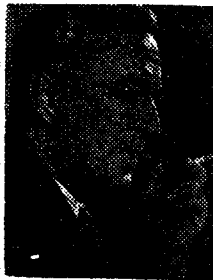
NEW YORK—A delegation of American labor leaders has been invited to visit Nigeria by the Nigerian Trade Union Congress. The invitation is being transmitted to AFL's William Green and CIO's Philip Murray.

Educational Column

Working With Our Friends

By DRUMMOND WREN

The last thing labor political action should aim to be is exclusive. We in the UAW or the CIO haven't any corner on political action nor do we want any. Only political action which includes all of organized labor, progressive business and professional people and the farmers can truly win the nation for progress. Our PAC's must find the road to co-operation with other sections of the organized labor movement and with community groups.



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Supposing cancellation of contracts results in the laying off of half the workers in your plant and that lack of prior planning results in temporary unemployment for these work-

ers. The union will protest this and demand that the government find employment for the workers. Possibly it will also demand that other contracts be awarded the plant so that the workers can find employment without having to move from their own community. This is political action but the PAC's can carry it much further.

The handling of production conversion concerns the whole labor movement. Bungling in one instance is a threat to other workers who may be similarly affected in future. Here is an issue where all of organized labor can unite to make a strong protest to the authorities. The PAC's should get in touch with local CCL and TLC leaders and either through the Councils, by means of delegations or resolutions either jointly or concurrently, place the entire local labor movement behind the workers affected by the layoff.

But an issue such as this is not the sole concern of labor, it affects the whole community. Local merchants, business and professional men will not want to see unemployed in the city or the loss of hundreds of workers and their families to another community. It is very likely that the PAC can get the city council to make representations to the responsible authorities on the matter. The mayor should be invited to be a member of your delegation, and he will likely accept if

the whole labor movement is taking up the issue.

There are other community organizations who should be activated on such an issue by the PAC. Community Post War planning committees which are planning for full employment after the war should be urged to act on such a question. Even the organizations of local employers and your own employer may be willing to support your protest. They are anxious to see industrial expansion in the community and will not like to see plants shut down. Contact the local Board of Trade, Chamber of Commerce and similar groups for backing.

By enlisting the widest possible support the PAC has turned an issue affecting one plant into a community issue. Every citizen is now interested in the settlement of the problem and is exerting pressure on Ottawa for action. The chances for the workers getting justice are many times greater than before the PAC went into action.

On almost every labor political action question that can come before a local PAC it will be possible to find allies in fighting the issue in the community. Where possible United Labor Committees can play a big role. Perhaps there never was a time when so many such allies existed in the community at large. Every organized group is thinking about the postwar, and except for the small clique of super-tories, they are thinking much as labor is. The demand for full employment, social security, greater health protection and a higher standard of living is almost universal.

Many of the groups who are thinking about the postwar have no specific program. They will be receptive to labor's proposals. The PAC's must see that labor initiates programmes and gets its views to them. Church groups, welfare workers, youth clubs, women's organizations, minority group, housing committees, are only a few of the community organizations which labor can look to for support in labor political action.

Labor is taking political action to see that the welfare of the people is the first consideration of government. In this fight every worker, every farmer, every middle-class person is the potential supporter of labor's program. The PAC's must see that this potential support is mobilized for democracy and progress.